

2014 SkillsUSA KY 1st Place Team - Automated Manufacturing

KY Tech – Madison County ATC

Prizes and supplies donated by: Technical Training Aids

***Automated
Manufacturing Team
members displaying
their prizes (l to r):
Paul Rader,
Corey Lamb,
and Kelley Newell***

**2nd Place Team:
Breckinridge Co.
ATC**

**3rd Place Team:
Lincoln Co. ATC**



***Justin Phelps, Instructor
Madison Co. ATC:***

“We appreciate the industry sponsorship of Technical Training Aids and their investment in SkillsUSA KY. We also thank Herb Wedig and Andrew Rittmeier for their willingness to serve as industry judges for automated manufacturing. It is important for our students to understand the value industry professionals bring to the competition because we are their future workforce.”

Industry sponsorship was a vital component in the 2014 SkillsUSA KY State Conference and made a difference in the automated manufacturing competition.

Representing Technical Training Aids, Herb Wedig and Andrew Rittmeier served as judges and sponsored the competition with a \$600 donation for supplies and prizes. The first place winning team members received electronic calipers.

Both Rittmeier and Wedig also served as judges for the CNC Milling and Turning competitions.



Photo, (l to r): Herb Wedig, Technical Training Aids; Phil Haming, HAAS; Andrew Rittmeier, Technical Training Aids; and OCTE Academic Consultant Terry Miller (who served as chairman of Automated Manufacturing competition).

**Fran Dundon,
SkillsUSA KY Business and Industry Director:**

“We want to take this opportunity to thank Technical Training Aids for their financial support and personal time in judging this event and the CNC Milling and Turning competitions. We all know when industry is involved, our competitions are better.”

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Andrew Rittmeier
Technical Training Aids:



"As a first time judge of the CNC Milling, Turning and Automated Manufacturing competitions, I was impressed by the overall knowledge of the students and how they worked together to compete in the contest. There were many challenges throughout the day and the contestants stayed calm, listened to instructions and adapted to the obstacles before them. They were sometimes limited in the resources that were provided; however, the benefit is this sometimes happens in the real world - so accepting and conquering challenges are great attributes."

"We could see the students were taught well by their instructors. My compliments to the schools that participated, the instructors who were on hand to support their competitors and the students who competed."

"Bring home a winner from nationals in Kansas City. Good luck from Herb Wedig and me. We were pleased to take part in this competition on behalf of our company, Technical Training Aids."

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Terry W. Miller
Academic Consultant for Manufacturing Technology
Office of Career and Technical Education:

"WOW - what a great competition. The input and experience of our industry judges were a great asset for the competitors as the level of competition was extremely high. The CAD and CNC programming skills shown by the SkillsUSA KY competitors were very impressive and the good news is ... our industry judges felt any company would benefit by hiring them."

"As chairman of the automated manufacturing contest, I have a deep respect for the great job our machine tool instructors are doing across this state to prepare students for the workforce. This competition solidified the fact that rigorous standards are being taught in those classrooms. Keep it up. There are many companies that want to hire 'skilled' help."

